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1. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, FONMIN DE GUIRINGAUD STATED JUNE 27 THAT FROM AUGUST 2, 1975 TO THE END OF 1977, 11,021 FRENCH CITIZENS RETURNED FROM VIETNAM TO FRANCE VIA SPECIAL FLIGHTS, AND SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1978, 353 HAVE RETURNED VIA REGULAR FLIGHTS FROM HO-CHI-MINH-VILLE TO PARIS. HE ADDED THAT THE FRENCH WOULD SPARE NO EFFORT TO OBTAIN DEPARTURE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 1200 FRENCH CITIZENS STILL IN VIETNAM WHO WISH TO RETURN TO FRANCE. ACCESS TO THE FLIGHTS IS ALSO GRANTED TO VIETNAMESE RELATIVES OF FRENCH CITIZENS AND TO ADOPTED CHILDREN.

2. GUIRINGAUD SAID THAT, COUNTING VIETNAMESE RELATIVES, 13,998 PERSONS HAVE "RETURNED" FROM VIETNAM,
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1,506 FROM LAOS, AND 575 FROM CAMBODIA AND HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN FRANCE AT CENTERS SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR AID TO REPATRIATED FRENCHMEN. GUIRINGAUD INDICATED THAT THE PROBLEM OF FRENCH CITIZENS WISHING TO LEAVE VIETNAM, AS WELL AS THE QUESTION OF INDEMNIFICATION, WAS RAISED WITH PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG DURING HIS VISIT TO PARIS IN 1977. THE QUESTION OF IN-

DEMNISSATION HAS BEEN RAISED AGAIN MORE RECENTLY WITH
HANOI "WHICH WILL TRY TO ARRIVE AT SATISFACTORY
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